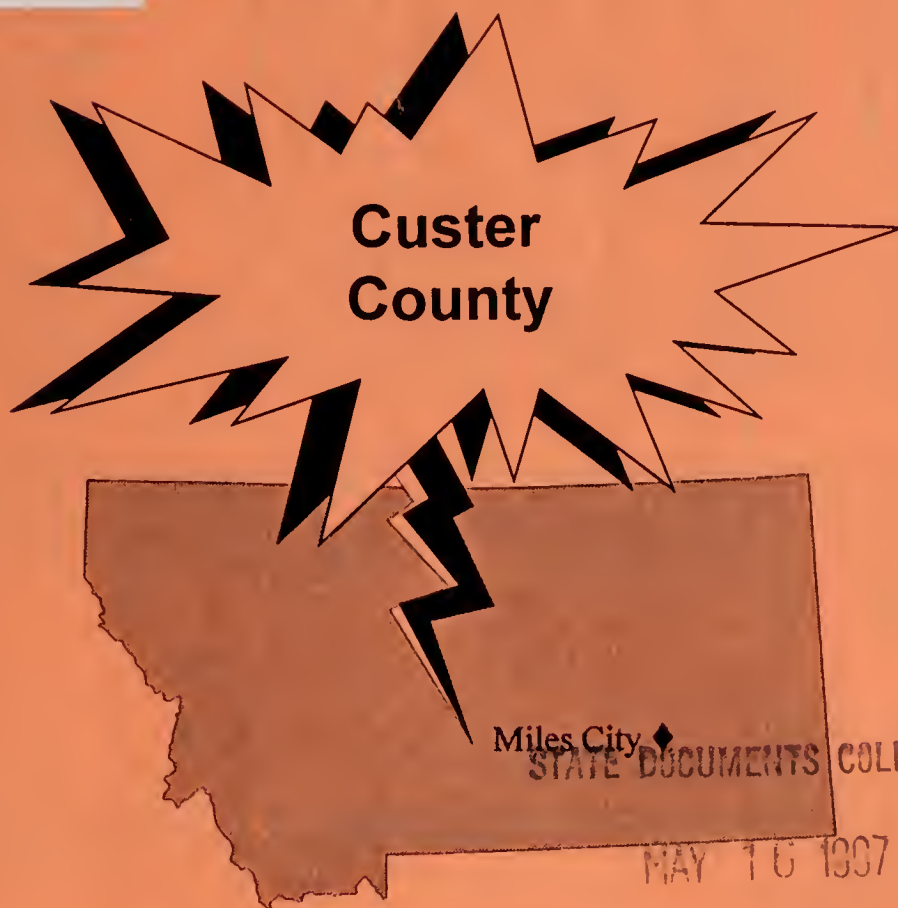


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# Custer County

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Located in southeastern Montana, Custer County is Montana's 15th most populous with 11,697 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Miles City, the county seat, is the state's 10th largest city with a population of 8,461. The city has been a major trade and services center for more than 100 years. Ranching and farming remain the foundation of the area's economy. Nicknamed the "Cowboy Capital of Montana," Miles City is host to the world famous Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale held annually in May.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Custer County households in 1989 was \$21,348. The county is 3,793.4 square miles in area; 3,783.3 square miles in land area and 10.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. Average monthly temperatures range from a minimum of 5 degrees above in January to a maximum of 89 degrees above in July. The annual average precipitation is 14 inches and the average growing season 158 days.

## Custer County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/95 Estimate	7/1/94 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '95	% Change '90 to '94
Montana	870,281	856,057*	799,065	8.9%	7.1%
Custer County	12,193	12,126*	11,697	4.2%	3.7%
Ismay	Not Available	20	19	Not Available	5.3%
Miles City	Not Available	8,745	8,461	Not Available	3.4%

**A Count Of New Businesses By Industry  
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First Quarter 1996 Unemployment Insurance Information



Annual Average Labor Force For Custer County				
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate
1970	4,837	4,684	153	3.2%
1971	4,754	4,570	184	3.9%
1972	4,835	4,628	207	4.3%
1973	4,901	4,713	188	3.8%
1974	5,266	5,081	185	3.5%
1975	5,439	5,212	227	4.2%
1976	5,400	5,204	196	3.6%
1977	5,603	5,323	280	5.0%
1978	5,961	5,672	289	4.8%
1979	5,974	5,773	201	3.4%
1980	6,210	5,971	239	3.8%
1981	6,166	5,866	300	4.9%
1982	6,256	5,870	386	6.2%
1983	6,581	6,174	407	6.2%
1984	6,872	6,503	369	5.4%
1985	6,767	6,394	373	5.5%
1986	6,755	6,329	426	6.3%
1987	6,667	6,296	371	5.6%
1988	6,417	6,121	296	4.6%
1989	6,028	5,731	297	4.9%
1990	5,937	5,643	294	5.0%
1991	5,853	5,534	319	5.5%
1992	6,042	5,715	327	5.4%
1993	6,117	5,798	319	5.2%
1994	6,264	6,032	232	3.7%
1995	5,933	5,660	273	4.6%
Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau				

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex  
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data  
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
<b>Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations</b>	1,259	646	613
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	495	356	139
Professional Specialty Occupations	764	290	474
<b>Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations</b>	1,487	479	1,008
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	139	68	71
Sales Occupations	609	330	279
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	739	81	658
<b>Service Occupations</b>	1,143	392	751
Private Household Occupations	30	5	25
Protective Service Occupations	122	97	25
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	991	290	701
<b>Farming, Forestry, Fishing</b>	628	535	93
<b>Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations</b>	441	407	34
Mechanics and Repairers	186	171	15
Construction Trade	179	171	8
Extractive Occupations	10	10	0
Precision Production Occupations	66	55	11
<b>Operators, Fabricators and Laborers</b>	662	563	99
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	181	140	41
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	325	310	15
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	156	113	43
<b>Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience</b>	37	12	25
Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2898			

Resources

**Chamber of Commerce:**  
Miles City Area Chamber, 901 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-2890

**Department of Labor and Industry**  
*Miles City Job Service*  
12 N. 10th, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-1316

*Job Service Job Search Information Kiosk*  
Colstrip—Bicentennial Library of Colstrip, 415 Willow Ave.

*Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications*  
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections, hourly pay by occupation and skills and education required to qualify for specific jobs, contact the bureau at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

**Internet:**  
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at <http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/>  
City of Miles City Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

**Housing Costs:**  
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

**Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**  
*Drivers Licensing*  
Miles City—Courthouse, 406-232-2821

**Newspapers:**  
*Miles City Star*, P. O. Box 1216, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-0450

**Public Libraries:**  
Miles City Public Library, 1 S. 10th St., Miles City, MT 59301-3398, 406-232-1496

**Postsecondary Education Institutions:**  
*Community Colleges*  
Miles City Community College, 2715 Dickinson St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3031

**Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**  
Cottonwood Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336, 406-772-5722  
Hockett-Basin Spring Creek Elementary, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-0578  
Kinsey Elementary, Kinsey, MT 59338, 406-232-0535  
Kircher Elementary, Route 1 Box 2352, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4796  
Miles City Public Schools, 1604 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3840  
Moon Creek Elementary, Box 666, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4903  
S H-Foster Creek Elementary, Tongue River Stage, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-5555  
S Y Elementary, Broadus Stage, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-421-5434  
Trail Creek Elementary, HC 80 Box 10, Ismay, MT 59336-9803, 406-421-5450  
Twin Buttes Elementary, Crow Rock Stage, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-354-7271  
Whitney Creek Elementary, HC 78 Box 106, Ismay, MT 59336, 406-772-5787

Custer County Employment By Industry\*  
Annual Averages 1995

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	451	4,696	Eating & Drinking	32	419
PRIVATE BUSINESS	405	3,471	Miscellaneous Retail	17	85
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	16	106	FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	37	208
Agri Production/Livestock	9	87	Banking	6	60
Agriculture Services	4	11	Insurance Agents	13	41
CONSTRUCTION	40	188	Real Estate	10	34
General Building	13	25	SERVICES	136	1,289
Heavy Construction	7	79	Hotels & Lodging	6	64
Special Trade	19	82	Personal Services	13	47
MANUFACTURING	12	158	Business Services	9	28
Food Products	5	30	Auto Repair Services	8	33
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	30	197	Miscellaneous Repair Services	6	11
Trucking-Warehousing	15	58	Motion Pictures	4	18
Transportation Services	3	64	Amusement & Recreation	10	88
Communication	4	15	Health Services	30	680
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	4	36	Legal Services	9	29
WHOLESALE TRADE	29	281	Educational Services	3	37
Durable Goods	13	136	Social Services	6	148
Nondurable Goods	16	144	Membership Organizations	7	26
RETAIL TRADE	101	1,062	Engineering Services	11	39
Bldg Materials-Garden	6	72	Private Households	7	6
General Merchandise	4	103	GOVERNMENT	46	1,225
Food Stores	4	150	State	14	278
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	18	156	Local	14	527
Apparel & Accessories	10	40	Federal	17	419
Furniture Stores	6	24			

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau  
\*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Montana	\$3,524	\$8,728	\$14,741	\$15,772	\$16,555	\$17,635	\$17,794
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	82%	82%	85%	82%
Custer County	\$3,703	\$9,958	\$14,883	\$15,854	\$16,802	\$17,727	\$18,082
% of National Average	91%	100%	80%	83%	83%	85%	83%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System

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1990 Census of Population and Housing													
Persons by Age, Race and Sex													
School Age		White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11		1,258	624	2	1	30	11	2	2	23	9	7	3
12-14		513	238	0	0	15	7	2	0	3	1	3	1
15-17		573	234	3	1	35	1	1	1	19	5	10	3
18-21		570	298	2	0	24	9	1	1	9	4	4	3
Total		2,914	1,392	7	2	104	28	6	4	64	19	24	10
Working & Voting Age		White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+		8,714	4,549	6	1	128	52	21	11	109	51	45	21
16-64		8,737	3,430	5	0	123	51	18	10	96	43	41	19
18+		8,320	4,386	8	1	99	51	20	10	97	49	39	20
18-64		6,343	3,267	5	0	96	50	17	9	84	41	35	18
Other Age Group		White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
		Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4		734	368	1	0	17	8	2	2	18	14	5	4
5-17		2,344	1,096	5	2	80	19	5	3	45	15	20	7
18-44		4,132	2,140	5	0	80	40	12	5	65	33	28	14
45-64		2,211	1,127	0	0	16	10	5	4	19	8	7	4
62+		2,335	1,316	1	1	4	2	3	1	14	9	5	3
65+		1,977	1,119	1	1	3	1	3	1	13	8	4	2
Total		11,398	6,850	12	3	196	78	27	15	160	78	64	31
Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896													

Custer County			
County of Residence	# Who Work in Custer County	County of Work	# Who Live in Custer County
Out of State	10	Out of State	44
Custer County	5,014	Custer County	5,014
Garfield County	14	Dawson County	20
Prairie County	35	Fallon County	14
Rosebud County	43	Gallatin County	14
Stillwater County	10	Powder River County	17
Yellowstone County	18	Prairie County	16
Other Montana Counties	32	Rosebud County	61
		Yellowstone County	21
		Other Montana Counties	44

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics